

## **Programmatic Biological ([PBA](#)) Assessment for Fish Passage and Restoration in Washington State**

To be used as a reference in completing the Specific Project Information Form (SPIF).

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service's [Letter of Concurrence](#)



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service's [Biological Opinion](#)

## **PROCEDURES FOR USING THE 2008 FISH PASSAGE AND RESTORATION PROGRAMMATIC CONSULTATION -**

1) Your project must meet:

- the PBA description for the action category and associated conservation measures
- the PBA general conservation measures
- the PBA approved work windows

2) If your project meets ALL or MOST OF the requirements above, you need to submit the following:

- a [Joint Aquatic Resource Permits Application \(JARPA\)](#)
- Specific Project Information Form (SPIF). Use either the  or  format.
- a [vicinity map](#) and [project drawing\(s\)](#)

3) Please mail the required information to our office at:

Seattle District Corps of Engineers  
ATTN: Regulatory Branch, CENWS-OD-RG  
Post Office Box 3755  
Seattle, WA 98124-3755

Where the proposed project meets one or more of the covered work activities and criteria (as detailed in the Programmatic

Biological Assessment), the Corps will transmit the SPIF to the Services for review. Within 30 days of receipt of the SPIF, the Services will approve the project if it meets the PBA criteria or slightly deviates from the criteria but falls within the scope and range of impacts considered in their biological opinion. For projects deviating outside the range of the biological opinion, the Services will complete an individual consultation which will generally take longer than 30 days. The Section 7 ESA consultation is only one part of the permit evaluation process. Using the programmatic consultation will reduce the processing time, however, there are other evaluation factors that must be completed before a permit decision can be made.

For additional information on programmatic consultations, contact [Maryann Baird](#), telephone (206) 764-5531, or [Marcy Reed](#), telephone (206) 764-5529.

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